

Weber County Storm Water Coalition

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All cities and counties along the Wasatch front are mandated by the Utah Division of Water Quality to abide by the requirements of the Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) General Permit when discharging storm water. In short, the permit has six minimum control measures that need to be part of each agency's individual Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The six requirements are as follows:

1. Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts
2. Public Involvement/Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Long-Term Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment (Post-Construction Storm Water Management)
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

As a result of the introduction of the first MS4 Permit in 2003, an interlocal agreement between the cities of Weber County and Weber County was executed. With new versions of the general permit coming online every five years, the enclosed proposed 2013 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement would help agency members of the Weber County Storm Water Coalitions obtain the financial funding needed to keep current with latest version of the permit. This arrangement is in line with what other county coalitions have in place. In fact, the enclosed draft agreement language is what Davis County is currently using.

One of the many benefits of the agreement is that cities, and the county, can pool funds together to follow the requirements of the permit at a cost advantageous to tax payers. Examples of this can be seen in the proposed budget with both the training sessions and the inspection software. As called out in the permit, agencies must provide public education and outreach to educate business and residents of the storm water regulations. If one city wanted to provide training to local contractors for example, it would be the same cost as if the coalition sponsored the event. So instead of having individual events at around \$3,000 each, the coalition can accomplish the requirement at only \$3,000 and all the members would receive credit with the state. Another regulation is to inspect construction sites and publicly owned facilities within your city. In the proposed budget, included you will find an annual cost for inspection software. By getting group pricing, the coalition members would save \$3,550 a month over what the total cost would be if each agency purchased the service individually.

This is a short overview of the proposed 2013 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, for additional information, please contact Eric Householder at erichouseholder@ogdencity.com or at 801.389.0040.